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For : USE OF AN ENZYME FOR THE MANUFACTURING
OF AN AGENT FOR CONTROLLING BACTERIAL INFECTION

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112
IN REONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 1, 2005**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria VA 22314

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2005, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until May 1, 2005.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one month to extend the period for response until June 1, 2005, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month together with all requisite fees. If for any reason the formal Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office, the extension fee is deficient and/or any extensions of time is needed, this should be considered to be an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant reply with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants note that the Listing of Claims appears in the Amendment filed November 30, 2004.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.